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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are pleased to honor the men and women of law enforcement who worked during the NATO Summit in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, The list of law enforcement agencies that helped during the Summit include: the Chicago Police Department led by Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, the Illinois State Police, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, the Secret Service, Homeland Security, the Illinois National Guard, the United States Army, law enforcement officers from around the State, law enforcement officers from neighboring states, as well as many others; and

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WHEREAS, With over a week of daily rallies and marches, law enforcement officers worked in high temperatures, cumbered with heavy equipment and standing on hot pavement, and in some cases working longer than 12-hour shifts; the officers showed patience and used crowd control tactics that worked, with few injuries or arrests; and

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WHEREAS, President Barack Obama, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, and NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen all praised the 12,000-member police force, with President Obama saying that "Chicago performed magnificently"; and

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1 WHEREAS, Because of the diligent and dedication of law
2 enforcement officers, there was little vandalism or injuries
3 during the NATO Summit, making for a peaceful opportunity for
4 important meetings between heads of state and other
5 dignitaries; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we honor the men and women of
9 law enforcement who worked during the NATO Summit and thank
10 them for their dedication to the safety and welfare of others;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to representatives of the Chicago Police Department,
14 Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy, the Illinois
15 State Police, the Cook County Sheriff's Office, the FBI, the
16 Secret Service, Homeland Security, the Illinois National
17 Guard, the United States Army, and other law enforcement
18 agencies involved in the NATO Summit.